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Mr. Scott Bradley
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Reference: Raised Bill No. 126

Dear Scott:

I am writing to you today to pledge my support in favor of leaving the regulations governing the use of outdoor woodburning furnaces alone and my strong opposition to the proposed Raised Bill No. 126.

As you know, we installed our Central Boiler OWF last fall and are soon coming to the conclusion of our first season of heating exclusively with wood. After 10 years of heating with two wood stoves and an oil boiler we have found the OWF to be more efficient and cleaner than our past heating practices. The furnace is installed adjacent to our barn and located in the middle of 70 acres in North Stonington. Our neighbors neither see nor smell the OWF and it generates less smoke than our two woodstoves did. We burn only seasoned wood that we cut from our property. Why should an installation like this be banned?

We are in favor of enforcing the current regulations and even escalating the enforcement to force people who violate the regulations to comply. People who burn garbage and rotting wood make a bad impression for those of us who burn responsibly. Please do your best to convince the legislature to kill this bill.

Respectfully,

Brian D. McGregor

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